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1. The Association for Chemical and Metallurgic Production (Spolek pro chemickou a hutní výrobu; also known as Chemicka), National Corporation, in Usti, nad Labem, is believed not to have produced anything in quantity thus far for the Czech Army. Every month, however, Chemicka is visited by an officer from the Army Research Institute, Prague-Dejvice; the officer reportedly used to bring with him three or four 250 cc. bottles of phosphotrichloride. 25X1
2. On 3 and 4 February 1953 10 officers from the Ministry of National Defense conferred with leading personnel at Chemicka. All officers were in uniform; the group was headed by a lieutenant colonel. At about the same time, the plant was visited by several representatives of the Ministry for Chemistry.
3. It is believed from the military visits and the creation of a secret planning center that a new line of production will be introduced at Chemicka during 1953.
4. The following raw materials are delivered to the Usti chemical plant:
 - a) Molybdenum: During 1952 a train made up of about ten gondola cars of ten or twenty tons capacity each arrived at Chemicka every three months. The molybdenum ore allegedly arrived from China. During January 1953 another shipment was received. The exact quantity of the last shipment is not known, but the value was thought to be 11,000 Czech crowns.
 - b. Wolfram: Daily shipments of wolfram ore are received by truck from the Chnov and Dubi mines which are under the Northern Bohemian Ore Mines (Severoceske Rudne doły), National Corporation.
 - c. Salt: Large quantities are received from East Germany.
 - d. Unidentified: Since the middle of 1952 unidentified shipments have been arriving in covered gondola cars every three months from the USSR.
5. The buildings at the plant are mostly one story and made of brick. The administration building, however, has nine floors. Those structures that were damaged during World War II have not been repaired; new halls and houses, however, are being built at an increasing tempo.

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6. The Chemicka plant has its own construction company called Chemostav. The planning and administrative offices are in the main building; the construction company has about 80 employees. The chief is (fnu) Simek. 25X1
The special planning section mentioned above is included within Chemostav.
7. The plant's electric power is provided by the Strekov power station; Chemicka's own emergency power station is within the factory grounds. Water comes from the Usti waterworks. A spur line runs from the Usti railroad station, a cable line from the Trnava gas works.
8. A sister plant to Chemicka has reportedly been built in Neratovice near Melnik. No further details are available.
9. A new anti-aircraft shelter for 1,000 persons is being built within the plant. The shelter is above ground; its roof has the form of an apex. Shelters used during wartime are being reactivated. Four anti-aircraft installations are being built on the roof of the administration building; they are enclosed by semi-circular concrete walls.
10. A militia (Zavodni straz) unit of 50 men patrols the plant. They are armed with pistols and submachine-guns; the patrol also has one police dog. The men receive military training; they wear dark blue uniforms. Six representatives of the special police, wearing army uniforms and dark blue insignia, have been at the plant since 20 January 1953. They do not perform normal guard duties, but walk through assembly halls on the lookout for evidence of sabotage. The plant is ringed by a solid wall three meters high surmounted by barbed wire. Chemicka also has its own fire brigade.
11. During the January 1953 reorganization of the Czechoslovak rationing system, workers in several departments, among them that dealing with ammonia, lost their special milk and fat allowances. Most workers live in Usti and adjacent villages; they are searched as they leave the factory. The labor force works in three shifts seven days a week.
12. Chemicka manager (fnu) Zurek is expected to be demoted or transferred soon. He is blamed for the nonfulfillment of 1953 planned quotas.
13. The chief engineer is a chemist (fnu) Oswald; he is an ex-chemical factory owner from Jaromer-Josefov. 25X1
The chief of the ammonia section is Engineer Lubos Pavlik, a chemist; Engineer (fnu) Vasek, also a chemist, is head of the saline analysis section.
14. The total of 3,000 employees includes about 1,000 women; some of the workers are Sudeten Germans. White collar workers, lawyers and representatives of other professional groups account for about 800 of the employees.
15. Morale of the labor force at the plant is alleged to be very low because of low salaries, frequent accidents and the unhealthy nature of the work. Applications for transfer are turned down; the rate of absenteeism is high. Just before Christmas 1952, workers in the construction, maintenance and ammonia sections of the plant struck, asking for both the Christmas and dangers bonuses. The strike lasted three days; a representative of the union (URO) from Prague exhorted the workers to return to their jobs. No one was punished.
16. Department heads at Chemicka are paid 12,000 crowns monthly, including bonuses; an average worker draws 4,500 to 5,000 crowns per month.
17. The plant maintains apprentice homes in Vanovice and Predlice. About 350 youths are quartered in the two.
18. Comment. The reference apparently is to the plant of Spolana, 25X1
National Corporation, at Neratovice.

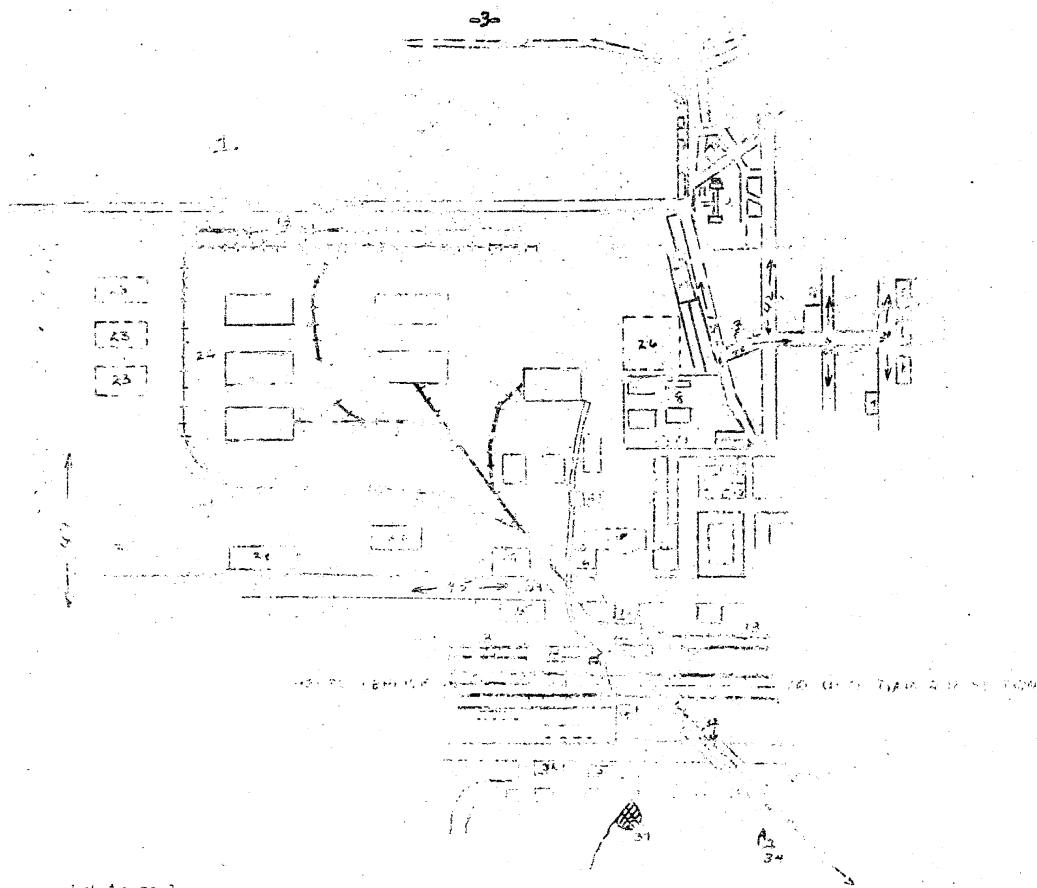
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Legend:

1. Cemetery
2. Hospital
3. State Medical Center
4. StB Headquarters
5. District Court
6. City Nat. Committee
7. Party Regional Indoctri ation School
8. Power Station
9. Municipal Bath
10. RUT Electric Lines Construction Company
11. State Chemical Research Institute
12. R. R. Lines Underpass
13. Marshalling Yards
14. **Usti** - West R. R. Station
15. Storehouse of Chornicka
16. Spur Track
17. Superphosphates Storehouse
18. Administration Building
19. Gatehouse
20. Reconstructed Building
21. Bombed out Building (coal shed)
22. Sulphur Pile
23. Construction Site
24. Cooling Tower
25. Testing Laboratory
26. Deserted Playground
27. House of Culture
28. Gates #1 and #2
29. Elevated Passage

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30. Salvage Seuer (to Bela Groel.)
31. Regional Nat. Committee
32. Wooden R. R. Bridge
33. Tunnel Entrance
34. Castle Vetruse
35. Chemodroga Factory
36. Cooperative
37. Shelter Entrance
38. Rooseveltova Spreet
39. Masarykova Street
40. Prokopa Divise Street
41. Leninova Street
42. Moskevskia Street
43. Nemocnice Street
44. Pansla Street
45. Trniska Street
46. Solusvova Street
47. Kukulova Street
48. Jateeni Street
49. Podobrodova Street

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